

**Minutes**  
**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute Committee**  
**Wednesday, October 26, 2016**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**City Hall – Lower Level Conference Room**

**Attendees**

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Monroe Dennis, Council member	<u>X</u>	
Lilla Sutton, Co-chair	<u>X</u>	
Sharon Fletcher, Staff Liaison	<u>X</u>	
Anita Wolley	<u>X</u>	
Dottie Chicquelo	<u>X</u>	
Carleveva Thompson, Contract Secretary	<u>X</u>	

**I. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda**

The meeting was called to order at 6:55pm. The agenda was reviewed by the committee and a motion to approve the agenda was made by Ms. Chicquelo. Second by Mr. Dennis. Agenda approved as written.

**II. Approval of 09/28/16 minutes**

The September minutes were reviewed by the committee and a motion to approve was made by Ms. Chicquelo and second by Ms. Wolley. The September minutes were approved as written.

**III. Discussion on MLK Day versus Black History Month**

Mr. Dennis stated there was discussion whether the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center (CSPAC) would be available on 1/16/17. The CSPAC has the city penciled in on Sunday 1/22/17 to hold the event. Ms. Chicquelo stated moving the date to Sunday may lose attendance due to people attending church. Ms. Sutton suggested setting dates now with the CSPAC for the 2018 event. Ms. Sutton proposed to Mr. Dennis a contract be initiated by the City Manager to lock in dates for January 2018.

Ms. Chicquelo proposed the committee select another venue to use for the event. Suggestions were the Chapel, Nyumburu Cultural Center, and Tawes.

**Action:** Ms. Chicquelo to check on the Chapel's availability and Mr. Dennis to check on Tawes for the date of 1/14/17.

Ms. Sutton discussed moving the event to Black History Month and can in cooperate other Black History Leaders. Ms. Fletcher reminded the committee of the discussion in the September meeting regarding the traffic due to basketball games that would impact the event if held in February.

Ms. Sutton asked the committee to vote whether they prefer to hold the event in January or February. The committee voted to hold the event in January, on 1/14/17 from 2-4pm in the Chapel or Tawes, depending on which venue is available.

#### **IV. Confirm 2017 Event Theme and Keynote Speaker**

##### **The Honorable Alexander Williams, Jr. – UM Center for Education, Justice and Ethics**

The Honorable Alexander Williams, Jr. is confirmed as the 2017 event speaker.

Theme proposed: Has the Dream Been Deferred? All committee members were in favor and the theme is approved.

#### **V. Identify Master of Ceremonies**

The Committee proposed to have Tricia Homer as the MC for the event. Mr. Dennis will reach out to Ms. Homer and check her availability. Ms. Sutton proposed to have Andrea Roane, Channel 9 anchor as the MC and Ms. Sutton will contact her to check her availability. Ms. Sutton made a motion to have Andrea Roane as the MC for the 2017 event if available. All committee members were in favor.

#### **VI. Outline Event Promotion Strategies**

Tabled for the November meeting

#### **VII. Identify Program Participants**

Ms. Sutton suggested that all participants from the 2016 event be invited to the 2017 event except Mr. Qadir. Ms. Wolley made a motion to approve, second by Ms. Chicquelo. All committee members were in favor to invite the 2016 participants to the 2017 event.

The 2016 event program was reviewed by the committee and the following changes were discussed:

Opening – Open spot

Lift Every Voice and Sing – Angie Bass

Invocation – Ms. Chicquelo's Pastor

Chinese Bible Church of College Park Teen Worship Ensemble – Andrea Dye

Remove Youth Reading – will only have one youth reading

Metropolitan Washington Baha'i Chorale – Dorie Arbach

Youth Reading – new person

Friends Community School – Kiersten Whitehead

Keynote – Alexander Williams

College Park Youth Choir – Christopher Fominaya

Closing Prayer – Chinese Bible or UM Imam or Mark Garrett

#### **VIII. Confirm Videographer**

Ms. Sutton asked the committee if Jimi Lyons should video the 2017 event. The committee voted to have Mr. Lyons video the 2017 event.

Ms. Sutton moved to adjourn the meeting and second by Ms. Wolley. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.